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TRUTH

Let there be many windows to your soul,
That all the glory of the universe
May beautify it. Not the narrow pane
Of one poor creed can catch the radiant rays
That shine from countless sources.

Tear away

The blinds of superstition; let the light
Pour through fair windows broad as Truth itself.
As high as God.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

EDITORIAL

A BROADER BIBLE STUDY

Why is the Bible so popularly unpopular as a book for study and enjoyment? Chiefly because the people in general are trained to regard it exclusively as a religious treatise, a compilation of texts and good words, and consequently those not attracted primarily by that religious appeal, ignore it altogether. It is needful to impress the reading world that it is an absorbingly interesting literature. And too often our very reverence for it as God's Word, and our piecemeal method of study, blind us to its greatness, its remarkable unity, its beauty and wonder.

How few people realize that the Bible is the most compact, perfect and beautiful national literature ever produced,—a library, consisting of sixty-six books written by at least forty different authors for different readers and under widely different circumstances, with more than one thousand years between its first and its last books,—that is, covering twice as great a period of time as our entire English literature from Chaucer to Tennyson. It contains every variety of interest, including legend, law, history, poetry in all its forms, drama, fiction, philosophy and sermons, all bound into the closest spiritual and intellectual unity by a common spirit and purpose, a common message. This message seems blurred at times,—light imperfectly transmitted; but even apparent contradictions, when studied intelligently, simply prove a growth, a widening in comprehension of the great truths after which the succeeding writers were groping. “A light shining more and more into the perfect day!”

To each his own method of presenting that truth. We get Truth from many sources and by many channels, and so these ancient writers taught as each was best able; by fact, by fancy, by dreams and visions,

by argument, by song and praise, by adjuration and appeal. From Genesis to Revelation, it is a living, vital growing revelation of God, reaching its consummation in the life, teaching and character of Christ. To trace the preservation and development of this revelation from the time of the wandering tribes, with their strange, fierce conception of God and His worship, through the intricate maze of ritual and form introduced as a defence against surrounding insidiously undermining influences, on to the purity of Christ's teaching that God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth, is to be impressed with the inevitableness, the eternal element of God, to feel the full vitality and force of this Bible, to realize its inspiration.

But alas! so many of us limit God's inspiration to fact, denying it the channel of imagination. We say, all within the Holy Book is fact, forgetting the greater thing, Truth. Fact is transitory, ever changing, dependent upon circumstances, perforce accommodating itself to each new discovery of Truth. Christ taught by parable: why not admit the same method in the Old Testament? The Bible declares itself to hold a "hidden treasure." Over and over again we are admonished to "search the scriptures," to "seek diligently." Surely that means that the Truth is not spread out upon the surface to be casually gathered up; but hidden away as gold in the earth, worth labor in the gaining.

So, again to get back to the point we desire to make: the more freely and thoroughly the human life and character of the sacred writers and their immediate auditors is studied, the clearer will be the revelation afforded by them. The mere study of form and of literary excellence should receive much more attention. The Bible must form a part of every liberal education. It is a great pity that sectarian controversy should have banished this greatest of all literatures from our public schools. This non-religious view would attract a great many who at present are quite indifferent to Bible study, and who through intellectual appreciation would come to a deeper understanding. Truly there are many roads into the Kingdom.

Now for a first practical suggestion as to method. Do you read any other book or set of books as you do the Bible? Do you take out one short chapter or sentence, isolate it from its context and expect to get its real force and meaning? Do you study one short scene from a drama, and consider that you are doing justice to the author's skill and teaching? Or do you read a book of the mediaeval times, with a modern book and judge the teaching of both by the same fixed standard? Why, most assuredly not! Then why apply such a haphazard plan to your Bible reading? Take a book as a whole. Get its historical setting, the circumstances which produced it. Then read it through. Get the wide knowledge of it first, and afterward go over and over it, picking out the finest portions, memorizing the epigrams, the bits of wisdom, the promises, the jewels. And each little part will have an added value. Carry out the same system in relating the books. They often dovetail into each other, one adding to other, as Chronicles and Kings report in different ways the same events; Psalms celebrate events in both; prophecies refer to past and future happen-

ings found recorded elsewhere. Those who read in this way are not urged on by sense of duty; but are lured, enticed, exhilarated as new fields of interest constantly open up. The enthusiasm of the explorer is kindled. Try it.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The editorial this month is merely introductory and suggestive. The subject is very wide and of enthralling interest. The study of the different types of literature illustrated in the various books of the Bible; the tracing of the theme of all in the different form of each; the advance of thought coincident with the advancing civilizations; all present a field of delightful study which would make a wide appeal.

A NATIONAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

“Rev. J. E. Duclos, B.A., of Edmonton, is on a visit to the East, seeking to arouse an interest in the problems of French Settlement here and in the Western Provinces. Mr. Duclos regards the French question in the West as not less important to Canada than the Quebec problem, and regards its solution as lying along the lines of education and evangelism.

Under the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Mr. Duclos is furthering these lines of work in large French settlements in Alberta. His work is highly regarded by the Board of Home Missions, as he himself is esteemed throughout the Church.

ROBERT JOHNSTONE, D.D.,
American Presbyterian Church, Montreal.”

Rev. Mr. Duclos, whom we had the privilege of hearing speak in St. Paul's a short time ago, impressed us as being a real patriot and servant of God and His church. Real service entails sacrifice; many of us talk very fluently, and many others are quite anxious to serve—if it but be in positions of prominence and honor. “The Front” has a certain lure about it—from a distance! But to recognize a need; to admit a call; to will to give a great service in an obscure corner; to face all opposition of both friend and foe; to keep the vision;—that is given to but a few great souls. Too often the agents of Good, ignore their opportunities along the line of prevention, and later must put forth herculean efforts to reform, reclaim, uproot. It is so hard to see what will be, and so easy to see what is. The old saying about closing the barn door after the horse is stolen has a very wide application.

Mr. Duclos sees the great chance now to make the French of Alberta truly Canadian. Their own inclination toward Protestantism and education, the conditions surrounding them, are all propitious; and the thing now is for the Church to seize this chance, and profit by it. Would that more people could look away from their own personal prosperity and advancement, accept work rather than remuneration, responsibility for the other fellow rather than for ourselves. Here again is a big question worth pondering.

BESIDE THE MARNE

Beside the Marne fair Springtime comes again,
 Wild flowers breathe fragrance and the soft winds blow,
 And all day long and while the night hours creep,
 White crosses stand on guard where brave men sleep,
 And winding waters ever onward flow

Beside the Marne.

Beside the Marne the graves lie very close,
 And sacrifice is writ on earth and air and sky,
 We bare our heads, for lo! 'tis God we see,
 Clearly as on the Hill of Calvary,
 Where heroes fought and laid them down to die

Beside the Marne.

Beside the Marne did the great dead behold
 The Flag upborne by our dear lads and fit?
 Did journeying sun record each well-loved name
 On some clear page within the Book of Fame?
 The Empire's debt forevermore is writ

Beside the Marne.

Beside the Marne Canadian glory lives,
 In those who sleep where crosses heavenward turn,
 And mothers yet unborn the tale shall tell,
 How Godlike men o'ercame the powers of hell,
 And future sons a code of honor learn,

Beside the Marne.

Lucy C. Gilmour.

Brockville, March, 1918.

CONTRIBUTED

THE CHRONICLES OF THE TEMPLE

Chapter IV.

And it came to pass on the first day of the fifth month of the year, that the maidens of St. Paulus gathered themselves together and did talk of many things. And while they still talked there cometh to them a maiden, and she was weeping tears of great sorrow. Then gathered the maidens unto her, and one—even Elsie—sayeth unto her: "Be comforted Katherine and tell unto us the thing that troubleth thee." Then the weeping maiden spake and said, "Lo, these many months have I gathered items for the great Chimes of the Temple of St. Paulus. Ye know well what hath been done, but now is my heart sorrowful. Behold, when the last day of the month draweth nigh, then say I unto the people of St. Paulus, "Now is the scroll ready for the printer, but I have not the wherewithal to fill the pages. Write, I pray thee, a very little epistle concerning the doings of the people of St. Paulus." Even while I yet speak they let it pass from their minds and nothing cometh. Can I make bricks without straw? Because of

this is my heart sorrowful and my tears overflow." And she wept bitterly and would not be comforted.

Then spake one of the maidens and said, "Are there none that do gladly send unto thee the doings of the great Temple?" And she answered and said, "Yea, some. And they send me many things. So many words that even all the pages of the great paper would not contain them. If I put it not in, their hearts are hardened against me, and I, even I, must bear all the blame. If peradventure I put in part, then say they unto others, "Why should I send manuscript to the great paper when the maiden who hath the care of it cutteth and slasheth it and takes therefrom much that I thought had great merit." And the maiden again wept bitterly. Then all the maidens pondered these matters, and thus they decided.

Behold, the people of the great Temple of St. Paulus greatly desired a scroll containing all the records of the Temple. The maidens have agreed to prepare the scroll. Now, therefore, on the twentieth day of each month shall every appointed one make ready some record of the doings of the Temple and shall cause it to be taken to the street called Emily, and there given to the maiden Katherine. These records shall be from the Elders in Israel and from thence even unto the lowliest organization of the Great Temple. Behold also many great things do come to pass without the Temple, and shall not the "Chimes" of St. Paulus tell of them? Yea, verily, and they that have purposed to serve the people of the Temple in this matter shall remember it through their writings, and they, even they, shall cause their writings to be taken to the street called Emily. Thus shall all the records of the Temple, and of the great events of the world without the Temple, be kept and the maiden Katherine have the wherewithal to make up the scroll.

But the maiden still wept and said, "They have eyes to see, yet they see not; they have ears to hear, yet they hear not; they have power to write, yet they write not. How then shall we make them see and hear and act?"

Then the maidens began to speak with one accord and said, "Write in the great paper, even The Chimes of St. Paulus, and tell these things unto the people. Peradventure they know not the great necessity." So even as they commanded have I written. Take heed, therefore and write even as thou hast knowledge, of the doings of the people of St. Paulus, for ever from France and Belgium and Britain cometh the call from our warriors, "Send us we pray Thee, all the records of our beloved Temple of St. Paulus."

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WINNIPEG S.S. ASSOCIATION

A most inspiring S.S. convention was held in St. Paul's church, May 9th and 10th, under the auspices of the Winnipeg S.S. Association. Helpful addresses by noted pastors and skilful S.S. workers, followed by bright general discussions, featured the proceedings.

The first session on Thursday evening opened with song service led by the Salvation Army Citadel Band. This was followed by devotional exercises led by Rev. W. E. Matthews, who directed the thoughts of the workers towards "The Importance of the Spiritual Quality in Service."

A short address by the president, Mr. Arni Anderson, was followed by a most artistic rendering of Gounod's "Oh, Divine Redeemer."

"A Practical View of Religious Education" was the subject of an extremely helpful address by Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon. He said, "It will be a great day for the world when the laws of religious education are recognized to be the laws of general education." The purpose of all religious education should be to help the child to a final decision for Christ, and to accomplish this end the truth must be expressed to suit the age of the child. This idea has been worked out most carefully in the Graded Lessons. The little beginner learns through stories, of the love and care of his Heavenly Father. The Primary goes farther in leading the child to know his Heavenly Father and inspire within him a desire to live as God's child. The Junior boys and girls, with their ideas of hero worship and their love of great 'doers,' find a wealth of interest in the heroes of the Old Testament, and should be able to satisfy their longing for an ideal, in the life of Christ. This will be followed by a mental acceptance of Christ, but this is not the beginning of the process in the boy's heart, any more than the 'bursting of a rose is the beginning of the plant's development.' All his past, all his yesterdays, a thousand influences are a part of that decision.

"In order that this system may be well presented, thoroughly capable teachers are necessary. They should know the characteristics of the various periods in child-life, the various avenues of appeal, should know that to keep a boy profitably and educationally employed is much better than keeping him simply 'quiet.' Teachers should have a comprehensive view of contents of the Books of the Bible, and such a reasonable view of scriptural interpretation that they will send out a generation immune from the religious fads that are eating into the religious life of this country.

The S.S. should direct the reading of its scholars. To this end a thoroughly graded library should be installed where books suitable to the scholar's interest and need may be procured, not where a book's only commendation is that "he never had it out before."

A life thus trained will not confine religion to the four walls of the church. He will realize that the whole wide world is none other than the House of God, the very gate of Heaven. We will have a prac-

tical system of religious education only when our homes, schools, playgrounds and everything that forms our life tends to the child's great decision.

The afternoon on Friday was taken up largely by Divisional Conferences, followed by a splendid address by Rev. Canon McElheran on "Spiritual Results in the Sunday School."

A pleasing, practical feature of the Elementary Workers' Conference was a demonstration of Promotion Exercises with a class of twelve children, by Mrs. W. G. Harrison and Miss Helen Palk.

The beautiful rendering of the solo, "My Task," by Mrs. E. M. Counsell, was a great inspiration to the Junior Workers' Conference, led by Rev. Chas. M. Ross. The great importance of the junior years from nine to twelve was duly emphasized.

At six o'clock all conferences closed and the workers gathered in the lecture room of the church to do justice to the very excellent supper served by the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's. A pleasant hour was spent around the tables during which time Miss Palk gave an interesting account of her "International Secondary Tour."

A short story session was held for the Elementary Departments before assembling for the closing meeting. "Empire Day Stories," which would delight little tots of beginner and primary ages, were told by Miss Ethel Reeves and Miss Palk; while the junior teachers and scholars listened with rapt interest to "The Easter Story" told most charmingly by Miss Marguerite Alsip.

The convention was brought to a close Friday evening. Rev. J. B. Silcox delivered the final address. He spoke on the subject: "The Teacher as a Character Builder."

Dr. Silcox emphasized the three sterling qualities which must be found in a successful teacher: singleness of purpose, clearness of knowledge, and uprightness of heart. He declared that personality was the greatest asset a teacher could have.

An interesting address on teacher training work, by Rev. Chas. M. Ross, was delivered, showing the very urgent need for this work in all schools.

During the evening, St. Paul's church choir, under the leadership of Prof. Heaton, rendered several selections.

The convention closed with a helpful "Consecration Service," led by Rev. P. B. Thornton. M. S.

THE PLEA OF THE DUPLEX ENVELOPE

You are a congregation
Of a staunch denomination
And no mean aggregation,
Being one thousand odd.
Considering conditions
(You've mostly good positions,
Yet away behind on missions,
I think this is absurd.

If this be true, excuse me,
I hope you'll not abuse me,
But why so few who use me,
It's inconceivable.
You sing your missionary song
But I say there's something wrong,
When you let me lie so long,
Here in the Vestibule.
I give the date concisely,
Keep your account precisely,
And you'll find me balance nicely
With a quarter in each end.
Then have a heart, and trust it,
You'll never miss—don't grudge it,
And then this next year's Budget
You all will commend.
So let it be your pleasure,
To interview Hugh Fraser,
You'll find him at his leisure
Quietly waiting on.
Should you forget the name,
Just ask for Hughie Graham,
You'll get me just the same,
From each or either one.
Your dark clouds all I'd rift
And your mortgages would lift
For all time, too, I'd shift,
Your canvassing and calls.
For this goal you all are steering,
And each year would find you nearing,
If all used me—never fearing,
Good people of St. Paul's.
—J. Moir.

CHURCH DEPARTMENTS

THE LADIES' AID

A very successful circle tea and home cooking sale was held this month by Mrs. R. B. Wallace's circle in the lecture hall of the church. A splendid musical programme was arranged by Miss Jean Kerr. Our "Rummage Sale" was a great success, over \$200.00 being realized.

KITCHENER SOCIETY

Those who had the pleasure of listening to Major McIvor on the evening of April 25th enjoyed a rare treat.

A social evening and sing song was held in the church parlors on the evening of April 29th, for our returned men. An unusually in-

teresting programme was presented, and much enjoyed by all. Seventeen of our returned heroes were present and received a warm welcome from members of congregation.

On Sabbath, April 28th, autos having been secured, returned men from Tuxedo Hospital were given the privilege of attending divine service and afterwards entertained to dinner by the different members of the congregation. The outing was much enjoyed by all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During his brief stay in Winnipeg we were honored with a visit from Rev. John Neil, lately returned from overseas. His message was so direct from the front and so sincere that it brought us all closer to our boys over there. We appreciated Mr. Isherwood's splendid rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory."

A report of Winnipeg S. S. Convention appears elsewhere.

Our one little taste of summer has inclined our thoughts toward The Picnic, and we experience the usual hopes and fears regarding the all-important weather.

MISSIONARY

We had the great pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Auld, of Maryland Methodist church, at our last monthly meeting. An inspiring talk on missions, by one who has two daughters in China, was certainly a stimulus to all who had the privilege of listening to her message.

Unusual activity has characterized Mrs. Knox's Circle during the past two months. Two splendid quilts, a generous collection, besides other patriotic work, were the result of their efforts. All enjoyed the old-fashioned quilting and the spirit of unity and goodwill pervading the Circle.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Well, we lost the Banner, but we found inspiration at the Spring Rally, and are determined, despite a small membership, to "carry on." We would like to have the pleasure of welcoming more of the young people to our meetings.

During the past month our services have been somewhat varied. The missionary meeting was attended by the ladies of the W.M.S., when Miss Broatch traced the beginnings and development of the Protestant church in Canada. The past augurs well for the future, and a knowledge of that past is certainly an incentive to progressive work toward realizing a better future.

The E.E. Union is responsible for the Sunday evening services at Minto Barracks. Our turn was a delightful experience for us, and the soldiers were very appreciative.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

At the home of the relief convenor, Mrs. Hutton, 669 McDermot avenue, the sewing circle met to complete a very successful winter's work. A very enjoyable evening was spent and all work was finished to the satisfaction of everyone present.

Great preparations are under way for our grand picnic on the 24th of May. We only hope the weather man will be in a good humor.

THE CHOIR

The scribbler who conducts this corner, being very short of time at the month end, commissioned two of our young ladies to undertake the writing up of the choir items for this month. But after several days of strenuous mental exertion they were compelled to give up the task as hopeless and the duty fell back upon us. Now, just to show how necessity is the mother of invention, here we have already produced seventy-seven words!

At the time of writing we regret to have to report the indisposition of our soprano soloist, Miss Burditt. May she soon be around in her accustomed place again.

Plans are under way for a concert in the fall to clear off the remaining indebtedness on the gowns. No details may be given yet, but the project will be unique, original and wholly in keeping with the ambitious spirit of the choir.

The choir is badly in need of tenors. Surely there are some among St. Paul's large congregation who are burying a talent of song. Here is an opportunity for service. Who will respond?

THE AGENDA CLUB

The Agenda Club held their regular work meetings this month. The ladies entertaining us were Mrs. W. Beggs, Mrs. H. McKenzie, and Mrs. E. G. Smith. On the last Monday of the month the members of the club attended the congregational reunion held in honor of our returned soldiers.

IN AND ABOUT ST. PAUL'S

On Monday evening, April 29th, St. Paul's church was the scene of much mirth and laughter, when our returned soldiers, some 17 of whom were present were welcomed by the stay-at-home members of the congregation. The lecture hall of the church was comfortably filled, and every minute of the evening was an enjoyable one. Our energetic pastor kept everyone on the move, "No loitering allowed" being his slogan.

A short and enjoyable musical programme was presented by Miss Hall, and the Games Committee did its duty nobly. A composing and singing contest created much mirth, Group No. 5, under the leadership of Mrs. McLean, carrying off the prize (a box of peanuts).

Refreshments were served, after which the evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Mrs. McLean informs us that the Peanut Choir starts a four days' engagement at the Walker next week. This is a treat in store for you.

Mr. Russell Standing's pianoforte recital, given Thursday evening, May 2nd, in Royal Templar's Hall, was much enjoyed by a large audience.

Miss Ethel Craig leaves this week for overseas. Our very best wishes go with Miss Craig and the good work in which she will be engaged.

Mrs. W. H. Woods and her daughter Jean returned on Wednesday from Arkansas, where they have been spending the winter months. We are pleased to hear that Miss Jean is very much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings returned on Wednesday from Colorado, where they have spent the past few months. Mr. Jennings' many friends will be glad to know that he is regaining his old time health.

Mrs. Barwick (nee Miss Nellie Munroe) has returned to her home in Ray, N.D., taking her mother with her for the summer.

Mr. M. A. Mackie, died at Teulon, on May 19th of peritonitis. The funeral was held on May 21. The sympathy of all the church members is extended to the bereaved family, who are all so well known among our workers.

SOLDIER NEWS

We are pleased to learn that another of our boys, Sergt. Adam McBride, has been awarded the Military Medal. Adam left Winnipeg with the original Little Black Devils in 1914, and was wounded in November, 1917, at Passchendaele, when he was recommended for the decoration. We are looking forward to welcoming him home very soon.

Sergt. Melville Richmond is slowly recovering from wounds received last November. We are pleased to report that he expects to be returned to Canada shortly.

Pte. Geo. W. Ironside left for overseas a few weeks ago.

Pte. Geo. V. Mackie left England April 16th to join the 27th Battalion as signaller.

At the Methodist parsonage, the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Irvine, Methvin, Man., Flight Capt. George Breadner, of the Royal Air Force, and Miss Frances Irvine were united in matrimony, the bride's father officiating. After nearly three years' active service overseas, Capt. Breadner is home on a brief furlough.

Word has been received that Pte. S. J. Orr has been wounded in the head and shoulders. He is now in a hospital in England.

Lie.-Corp. Wm. Welshman, who left Winnipeg with the Fort Garry Horse in September, 1916, was wounded in both thighs on April 1st, and has been admitted to No. 4 Canadian General Hospital, Basingstoke, Hants, England.

Extract from a letter from one of St. Paul's boys, now "Somewhere in France":

"You speak of a special week of prayer held preceding the communion. I am sure everyone who attended would feel better for having been there. Sometimes it is not possible out here to get to a place where a service is being held. Sundays pass without one knowing it—but I certainly do enjoy attending a service when possible. Last night I had the privilege of attending a communion service,—don't matter about creeds out here, anybody who cares can sit down at the table, which is a fine thing. It was hard to hear all the chaplain said, the guns were making such a noise."

SMILE AWHILE!

Another "peace that passeth all understanding" is Russia's.

Hun submarines twice the size of the old ones are said to be coming out. W boats.

Roads, streets and other things with German names are being Anglicised. Berlin wool, it is to be hoped, will be Berlin worsted.

Appropriate

He had presented himself at the recruiting office. The usual questions were answered satisfactory until "Occupation?" rapped out the officer.

"Hem—er—well I'm—ah—just running through the old gov'nor's money, dontcher know," answered the embryo soldier.

The officer seemed in doubt as to how to classify him when a sergeant near by suggested: "Put him down as a brass finisher, sir."

Teacher: "Write the longest sentence you can think of."

Pupil: "Imprisonment for life."

Ramsgate Canadian

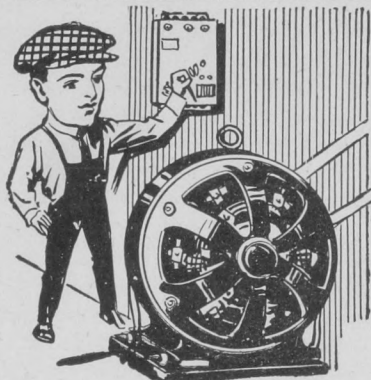
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